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March 10, 2003

**Via US Mail and e-mail**

Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
P.O. Box 1473  
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**Re: Monocyclic Aromatic Amines and Nitroaromatics (MAANA) Panel, Consortium No.  
HPV Chemical Challenge Program Submission  
Nitroaromatics: Revised Test Plan for m-Nitrotoluene (CAS No. 99-08-1)**

Dear Governor Whitman:

The MAANA Panel of the American Chemistry Council is pleased to submit the attached revised data assessment for m-nitrotoluene (CAS No. 99-08-1) to EPA's HPV Chemical Challenge Program (Program). m-Nitrotoluene is one of the five chemicals MAANA is voluntarily sponsoring in the Program. Data for the remaining four chemicals have been submitted separately as the Monocyclic Aromatic Amines Category. MAANA Panel member companies are Albemarle Corporation, Bayer Corporation, Buffalo Color Corporation, and First Chemical Corporation.

In addition to the data assessment, titled *Nitroaromatics: Test Plan for m-Nitrotoluene (CAS No. 99-08-1)*, please also find attached revised, IUCLID-formatted robust summaries for m-nitrotoluene. The revised robust summaries have been "condensed" to exclude entries in the official European Chemical Bureau IUCLID file that are not relevant to endpoints addressed in this submission. In its comments of July 31, 2002, EPA suggested that additional reproductive toxicity testing is needed for m-nitrotoluene. In response, the MAANA Panel plans to coordinate with European companies sponsoring the p-nitrotoluene isomer in the SIDS/ICCA program and intends to submit results of an OECD 421 test performed on the p-nitrotoluene isomer in support of the m-nitrotoluene data set.

This submission is also being sent electronically to the following e-mail addresses:

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Sincerely yours,

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